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TOPIC Soviet Troops in Schwechat, Bruck an der Leitha, and in Bad Voeslau 25X1

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1. On 22 December 1951, 8 AA guns of about 80-mm, 4 AA guns with funnel-shaped muzzles and 3 generators were observed in the rear section of the Altkettenhof Estate, Schwechat (P 49/X 48). About 25 motor vehicles were parked in the yard. Truck [] entered the installation, driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets. Troops observed included 1 lieutenant colonel, 4 majors, all wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, and sentries who also wore red-bordered black epaulets. Most of the troops observed on 3 December wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and some wore black-bordered black epaulets. They came from the building opposite the Altkettenhof. On 3 December 1951, a sentry at the main gate of the building on Himbergerstrasse wore black-bordered blue epaulets. *
 2. On 2 December 1951, four SU-100 SP guns were parked in the garage southeast of the railroad station in Bruck an der Leitha (P 49/X 77). Soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia entered and left the garage. ** Trucks [] and jeep [], driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were seen at the hutment in the woods from which individual rifle shots were heard. A detail of 16 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets was seen marching from the hutment in the woods toward the old komandatura on Fischamenderstrasse, led by a captain who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Sedan [] occupied by a soldier with black-bordered red epaulets, was parked in front of the so-called new komandatura.
 3. On 24 December, several soldiers and sentries wearing black-bordered red epaulets were seen in the yard of Bad Voeslau (O 48/X 36) castle. These were the only army soldiers observed in Bad Voeslau which is an air force post.
- * [] Comment. The information refers to the previously reported components of an AAA regiment in Schwechat which, [] belongs to the Fifty-Ninth Air Army.
- ** [] Comment. The SP guns observed probably belong to the SP artillery battalion of the 15th Medium Tank Regt of the 13th Gds Mecz Div.

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